(b) the rate at which loan is advanced to the rural unemployed youth for setting up the cottage industries and the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) the details of the economic programmes prepared by the Government to remove rural unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that their present data collecting system from banks does not generate data in respect of credit provided to cottage industries separately. However, advances to artisans, village and cottage industries upto Rs.25,000/- per beneficiary form part of weaker section advances within the priority sector. The term "cottage industries" has not been defined for this purpose.

(b) With the introduction of the revised interest rate structure by RBI effective from 22nd September, 1990, the sector-wise category-wise/ purpose-wise rates of interest have been dispensed with. The rates of interest on advances are linked with the size of the loan in terms of revised interest rate structure. Accordingly, the rates of interest on advances for setting up cottage industries are as under:

| *Size of loan/limit* | *Rate for working capital* | *Interest for terms loan to SSI units.* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Up to inclusive of Rs.7,500/- | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| 2. Over Rs. 7,500/- Upto Rs.15,000/- | 11.5 | 11.5 |
| 3. Over Rs. 15,000/- Upto 25,000/- | 12.0 | 12.5 |
| 4. Over Rs.25,000/- Upto Rs.50,000/- | 14.0 | 13.0 |
| 5. Over Rs. 50,000/- Upto Rs.2 lakhs | 15.0 | 14.0 |
| 6. Over Rs.2 lakhs | 16.0 * | 14.0 |
| | (Minimum) | |

* Since revised and raised to 18.5% (minimum) with effect from 4th July, 1991.

(c) Government of India have introduced a number of schemes such as Integrated Rural Development Programme and the Scheme for providing Self Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth, which are aimed at reducing rural unemployment. a number of Special Employment Programmes formulated by State Govarnments are also being implemented by them.

[English]

**Bhutan Compensatory Allowance to Defence Accounts Employees**

7006. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision about payment of Bhutan Compensatory Allowance to the Defence Accounts Employees serving in Bhutan;

(b) if so, tha details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE : (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to financial and other implications, decisions in such matters require close prior consultation with various concerned Ministeries/Departments, which takes time.

[*Translation*[

**Land Acquired for Military Cantonment in Ranchi**

7007. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land of the farmers of Lalganj Khatanga and Mani City police station in Ranchi District (Bihar) had been acquire in 1970-71 for Military Cantonment;

(b) whether these farmers have been paid any compensation for the aforesaid land;

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for making immediate payment of compensation to the farmers;

(d) whether the Government have provided a passage to the residents of Sugnu, Gari and Khatanga through this cantonment area;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the passage is likely to be provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF DEFENCE : (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Land in villages of Lalganj and Khatanga in Ranchi district, Bihar, was acquired for Defence purposes in 1972 and compensation was paid to the affected farmers. No land has been acquired in Mani City police station limits.

(d) to (f) The residents of Sugnu, Gari and Khatanaga have been provided a passage through the Cantonment area by the local military authorities.

**Amount Spent on Persons Going Abroad for Training**

7008. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who went abroad for training on Government expenses during April 1, 1991 to July 31, 1991;

(b) the number of persons from public sector undertakings among them and the total amount spent on them;

(c) whether the Government have decided to restrict the number of persons going abroad for training in view of the present foreign exchange crisis; and

(d) if so, the extent of decrease in the number of such persons during the above